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## START PROPAGANDA CAMPAIGN TO EXPAND AVIATION LEAGUE ACTIVITIES

CONFERENCE DISCUSSES WAYS TO FULFILL TASKS -- Glos Wielkopolski, No 78, 20 Mar 50

Until recently, aviation activities were conducted by three organizations, the Aviation League, Service for Poland, and Aeroclubs. Recently, these three independent groups were united in the Aviation League.

A conference was held recently in Poznan to discuss the fulfillment of the Aviation League's tasks. Attention was called to the necessity of setting up a propaganda program for recruiting new members. Enterprises and organizations have shown only mild interest ir. Polish aviation. Nothing on the subject has been included in the propaganda programs of Polish Film, and schools have shown no interest. The Regional Administration of the league, too, did not operate as it should have. Attendance at its meetings was very low.

During 1950, all these faults are to be eliminated. The state needs sport flyers, trained through aircraft modeling and gliding courses. The Aviation League will make contacts with the Peasant-Self-Help Association, Rural Housewives' Circles, rural and urban recreation centers, agricultural producers' cooperatives, and athletic associations. It will supply them with periodicals and brochures on aviation. Regular pilots with equipment will leave for different areas to popularize aviation as a sport. An intensive propaganda program is to be carried out during March to help increase the number of league clubs and membership.

OFFERS AVIATION TRAINING -- Rzeczpospolita, No 87, 28 Mar 50

The Aviation League is training future pilots by instructing Polish youths. in model making, gliding, parachuting, and power aviation.

The first step in the training is model making. The establishment of a Central Laboratory of Model Plane Making will permit the training of model makers on a scientific level.

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The second step in aviation training consists of courses in gliding. In 1950, candidates recruited in 1949 by the Pilot Organization of Sluzba Polsce will take these courses. After the winter courses they will graduate to a 5-week beginners' practical training course. The first term will begin in April. After the students have become familiar with the glider, they will be ready to begin the first 2- and 3-minute flights. The training is free.

Further training can be obtained in the aero-clubs of the Aviation League, for Grade III pilot and grade IV instructor.

After completing at least the second grade in glider training, the candidate may transfer to the Aviation Training Center of the Aviation League for the basic course in flying power aircraft. Then he may obtain advanced training in the aero-clubs of the Aviation League where he may complete Grades I, II, and III of sport flying.

The Aviation League has a steadily increasing membership which now numbers over half a million.

ROBOT FLANE ON EXHIBITION -- Express Wieczorny, No 78, 13 Mar 50

The first national exhibition of aircraft models, organized by the Aviation League, was held in the Wawelberg and Rottwand Advanced School of Engineering in Warsaw. Over 100 aircraft and glider models made in the modeling clubs of the Aviation League, designs, posters, and collections of aviation publications were on exhibition.

Among the aircraft models were two flying models with miniature gasoline engines. One was modeled on a P-24 Polish fighter and was made by Pietrzyk from Krakow, and the other was a model of a Soviet aircraft made by Tomaszewski from Poznan. Among the nonflying models were a P-11 and a JAK-9 made by a Warsaw workers. Also exhibited were models of the Lodz and Torun airfields and a working model of a wind tunnel. The most interesting exhibit was the robot pilot, which can perform all the pilot's functions, including starting and landing a plane. Another interesting exhibit was a large rocket.

SEEK NEW PARACHUTE TOWER -- Glos Wielkopolski, No 93, 4 Apr 50

Before the war there were parachute towers in many Polish cities, but practically all were destroyed during the war. At present there is a tower in Kielce and one in Lodz. The Aviation League is showing an active interest in the construction of a parachute tower in Poznan.

TO BUILD NEW GLIDER -- Trybuna Ludu, No 52, 3 Mar 50

The Glider Institute Plants have recently introduced a model of a new glider, called Jastrzab, built by Engineer Niespala. This is an acrobatic glider to be used for advanced flight training.

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